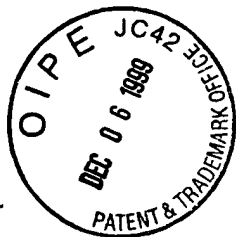


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 9, 1999. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, (claims 1-14 and 17-18) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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